



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Group Art Unit 3627

3627
JF

In re
Patent Application of

Yuuji Usui

Application No. 09/829,865

Confirmation No. 7676

Filed: April 10, 2001

Examiner: Francis John Bartuska

“NETWORK-BASED SALES SYSTEM
USING BAR CODES AND OPERATING
METHOD OF THE SAME”

I, Elizabeth M. Campbell, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date of my signature.

Elizabeth M. Campbell
Signature

1/2/2004
Date of Signature

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

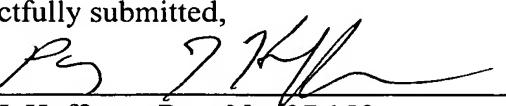
Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A and/or PTO/SB/08B and copies of which are attached.

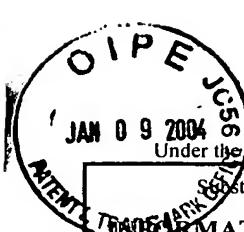
This Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed before the first Office Action on the merits of the present application. The references were cited in an office action issued in a corresponding Canadian patent application. A copy of the Canadian office action is enclosed. Citation of these references is respectfully requested. No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

Date: 1-2-04

Respectfully submitted,


Perry J. Hoffman, Reg. No. 37,150
Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
401 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 1900
Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) 222-0800

File No. 204766-0006
S:\client\204766\0006\CO309142.1



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

<p>Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p>				<p>Complete if Known</p>	
				Application Number	09/829,865
				Filing Date	April 10, 2001
				First Name Inventor	Yuuji Usui
				Group Art Unit	3627
				Examiner Name	Francis John Bartuska
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials		Country Code	Foreign Patent Document Number	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document	Translation	English Abstract
		CA	2,304,643	MICROPHARMACY CORPORATION	4/1/1999		

S:\client\204766\0006\C0309139.1

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 0231.

DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.